



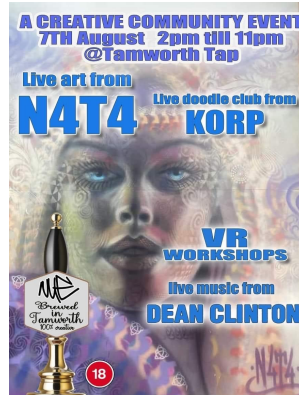
On The Bike Beat ...

We were pleased to join a number of local businesses in funding an electric bicycle for the town centre Police Community Support Officer Rob Mason. George is pictured with Rob, but he won't tell us whether he tried out this police vehicle!

On a related note, there was a recent Cuppa With A Copper event at Heart of Tamworth. It was a successful event, enjoyed by all who went to meet our local bobbies. Look out for future events.

Art For Art's Sake ...

If you're feeling creative on the first Sunday in August, come along to the Hop Yard where there'll be a 'creative community event' from 2pm onwards. You're encouraged to get involved in live art and live doodle, and there'll even be a virtual reality workshop. Oh, and live music of course!



Interested in joining Tamworth Darts league? Talk to Doorman Dave about how to get involved.

Tamworth Ale Trail ...

We're now stocking copies of the new Tamworth Town Ale Trail, a free tri-fold leaflet produced by the local LST branch of CAMRA. It aims to give both visitors and locals an overview of the town's best pubs for real ale and cider. It includes a simple map, a brief write up for each pub listed, and the facilities offered for each pub. Well done to the branch for promoting the town's pubs in these challenging times! Pick up a copy in CAMRA Corner.



Interested in joining CAMRA? The local branch is very strong on social activities which sounds good to us! Talk to a member of staff, or pick up a leaflet



Cherry Fair ...

It was good to support the revival of St Editha's Day and the Cherry Fair in July, in association with our friends at Tamworth & District Civic Society. We had - naturally - a range of cherry flavoured drinks, including two real ales featuring the fruit!

Castle Friends ...

Why not become a friend of Tamworth Castle and help preserve the heritage of our town? It's interesting and worthwhile - we love being a part of it. Ask us for more information if this appeals to you.



August 2022

Top at the Tap ...

Well, what an honour! The fabulous news is that CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, have given us the Staffordshire Pub of the Year award for 2022! It's a huge accolade, and we couldn't have done it without our wonderful staff, and of course you, our equally wonderful customers! The award was presented by local CAMRA member Ryan; it was a great celebratory night, with speeches, food, music and dancing. We now go forward to the next stage of the competition for the whole of the West Midlands, which if we win will give us a shot at the national title - wish us luck!



WHAT'S ON



August has arrived and it's looking awesome! We have a month full of amazing events just for you. Check them out:

- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 3rd, 7pm
- Creative Community Event with NUE ~ Sunday 7th, 2pm
- Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ Sunday 7th, 4pm
- Songwriters in the Round ~ Friday 12th, 8:30pm
- Sunday Session with Millie May & Kirsty Clarke ~ Sunday 14th, 4pm
- Sunday Session with Kirsty Clarke & Dean Dovey ~ Sunday 21st, 4pm
- Bat Watch ~ Wednesday 24th, 7pm
- Summer Ale Fest ~ Thursday 25th - Sunday 28th
- Friday Night Live with Carrick ~ Friday 26th, 8pm
- 'Only Elton' a tribute to Sir Elton John (ticketed event, details TBA) ~ Saturday 27th, 8pm
- Sunday Session with Rob Taylor ~ Sunday 28th, 4pm

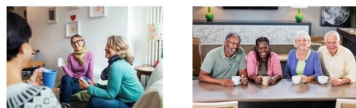
Coming Soon ...

It's nearly that time of year already ... CAMRA's Tamworth Beer Festival will run from Thu 8th to Sat 10th September! Open from 11am to 11pm, this year's groovy theme is the 25th anniversary of Austin Powers arriving on UK cinema screens. We'll be supporting the event as always, with specially brewed ales, and our Tamworth Gin will be on sale. The event brings in many visitors and is a real boost to the town's pubs, so our thanks to our friends from CAMRA!



Note that donations to the school uniforms appeal by our friends at Sacred Heart Church ends on 5th August. And those in need of some help in the cost of 'back to school' are encouraged to attend the distribution event at the church on 19th August, from 11am to 2pm.

Note also the 'Friendship Fridays', right, run by the church, with all welcome to attend.



FRIENDSHIP FRIDAYS

Are you looking to get out of the house and make new friends? Come along and join us for a drink and a chat at our new Friendship Fridays Group.

STARTING FRIDAY 1ST JULY
at Sacred Heart Church, Glascoate, 1 - 3pm.

No need to book just come along.
Free parking.
Disabled access and lift.



Food Bank ...

The Food Bank Appeal continues, with donations encouraged. You can either donate directly to Heart of Tamworth or leave it with us (and maybe have a pint too!) and we will deliver on our weekly drop.



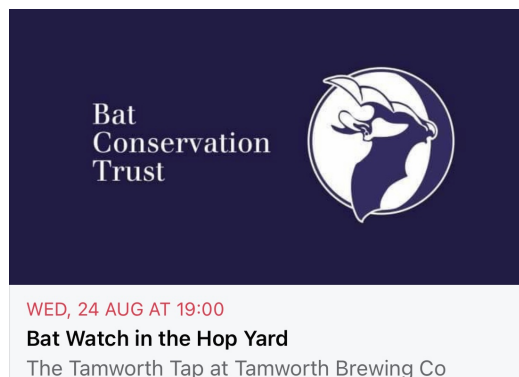
The Saxons ...

... are back, and the Tap will be under seige once again when the Saxons take over Tamworth in the upcoming living history weekend in the castle grounds. It's always a bit of fun, and they seem to like it in our historic courtyard!



Have you tried the Real Ale Finder App yet? You can keep up to date with all our ales and ciders using it. Download it and add us to your favourites!

Meet The Bat Man ...



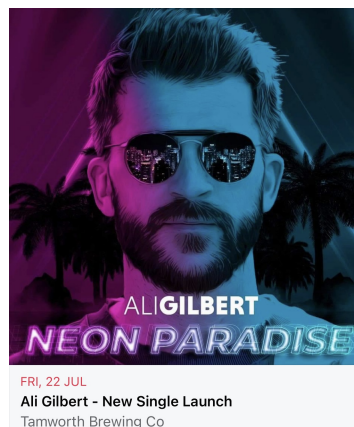
Have you been to one of our Bat Watch evenings yet? They're run by those very knowledgeable volunteers at the Bat Conservation Trust. So join us for an evening with a difference when we've invited our very own 'Bat Man' to the Tap to give us an insight into the bat life of the Hop Yard. The evening will begin with a short talk that will include the chance to listen to the sounds of a number of types of

bat. We then move outside towards dusk where you'll be able to use bat detecting equipment in the Hop Yard, and very likely see some of our resident bats! We will be serving themed ales to help create the right mood, and Bats Blood, a delicious Merlot red wine, will be on sale.

- Sunset is at 7:50pm that night so the talk will commence at 7:30pm to allow the timing/lighting to be right (TBC)
- Info packs will be available for those who are interested in joining the Trust

National Pub and Bar Awards ...

Well the bats like our beer garden, and we're hoping that judges from the National Pub and Bar Awards do too! We're a finalist for the Best Beer Garden in Britain competition. Judges are visiting soon so wish us luck!



New Single Launch ...

It was our privilege to host the launch party for a new single in July! Ali Gilbert, local popular up-and-coming artist, gave us the first performance of his new single, live on stage in the Hop Yard. It's available to buy and download, with a link on our Facebook page.

Find this and find out more about what's going on at the Tap by following us on Facebook - use the QR code to the right:



Lichfield Sutton & Tamworth CAMRA ...

And while we're splashing out the QR codes, you can also follow the local LST CAMRA branch on Facebook. Like the LST page (using the QR code to the left) to keep up to date with all things beer and CAMRA related in our branch and nationally.